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# Former Employee of Taste of Brazil Restaurant in Woburn Pleads Guilty to Transferring False Identification Documents

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

BOSTON – A Salvadoran man and former employee of the Taste of Brazil – Tudo Na Brasa restaurant in Woburn has pleaded guilty in connection with providing false identification documents to Brazilian employees of the restaurant who lacked work authorization.

Marcos Chacon Gil, 39, pleaded guilty on May 23, 2023 to one count of transferring false identification documents. U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs scheduled sentencing for July 17, 2023.

Chacon Gil worked at Taste of Brazil for three years beginning in 2014. Beginning in approximately 2018, Chacon Gil provided false identification documents to Brazilian employees of the restaurant who lacked work authorization in the United States. Chacon Gil did so in order for the employees to secure work authorization. On Feb. 20, 2020, Chacon Gil met with an employee and provided the employee with a fake green card and a fake social security card.

The charge of knowing transfer of a false identification document knowing that such document was produced without lawful authority provides for a sentence of up to 15 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Michael Krol, Acting Special Agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; Jonathan Mellone, Special

Agent in Charge of the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; Joleen D. Simpson, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigations in Boston; and Woburn Police Chief Robert F. Rufo, Jr. made the announcement today. Valuable assistance in the investigation was provided by the Norwood Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys James D. Herbert, Kelly Lawrence and Samuel R. Feldman of Levy's Criminal Division are prosecuting the case.

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